GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
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LOK SABHA

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Delay in Wage Payment under MGNREGS
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Will the Minister of RURAL DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is aware of the fact that at some places the maoist threat is being given to panchayat leaders for delays in payment of wages to Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers;

(b) if so, the details thereof and action taken by the Government thereon and reasons for delaying wages to workers, including details for the percentage of MGNREGS workers who were paid within 15 days, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether female workers are facing more delays in wage payments as compared to male workers, if so, the details thereof and reasons therefor, State/UT-wise; and

(d) the steps being taken by the Government/mechanism being evolved by Government for the redressal of the issue of the wage delays to MGNREGS workers especially in drought-affected areas of the country, State/UT-wise including Uttar Pradesh?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT
(SHRI RAM KRIPAL YADAV)

(a) & (b): No instance of Maoist threat being given to Panchayat leaders for delaying wage payment of Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) workers has been reported to the Ministry of Rural Development.

State/UT-wise details of the percentage of MGNREGS workers who were paid wages within 15 days are given in Annexure.

(c): No instance which indiciates that female workers are facing more delays in wage payments as compared to male workers has been reported to the Ministry of Rural Development.

(d): In order to ensure timely payment wages, Rules have been issued for timely payment of wages under which, it was suggested that clear accountability shall be fixed on the functionaries for timely performance of specific duties leading to payment of wages.

For ensuring timely payment of wages, the Central Government has also started National Electronic Fund Management System (NeFMS) in 11 States (Assam, Bihar, Haryana, Karnataka, Kerala Odisha Punjab, Rajasthan, Tripura, Uttar Pradesh and Uttrakhand) and launched Dashboard for tracking of pending Fund Transfer Orders, Public Fund Management System, electronic Fund Management System, Direct Benefit Transfer etc.

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